Chinese views on Indian position in Kashmir

2274. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "China reluctant to endorse Indian position in Kashmir", which appeared in 'The Hindu' dated the 18th November, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any attempt has been made to ascertain the reasons for the Chinese position; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of the People's Republic of China describes its relationship with Pakistan as an "all-weather friendship" and is willing to make common efforts to further deepen and expand a "comprehensive cooperative partnership" between China and Pakistan.

(c) and (d) India's position on Jammu and Kashmir constituting an inalienable and integral part of India has consistently been put across to the Chinese side.

Compensation to Indians by Myanmar

2275. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 7981 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st May, 1995 and state:

(a) The cases of compensation to Indians by Myanmar which have been settled finally;

(b) the cases which have not been settled so far;

(c) the reasons for non-settlement of the cases; and

(d) the steps taken/are being taken to get the cases settled expeditiously?